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LAWTON – The City of Lawton, in collaboration with CenterPoint Energy and the United Way of Southwest Oklahoma, will host the Second Annual Community Chili & Dessert Cookoff from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Nov. 7 in the Banquet Room of Lawton City Hall.

The event will consist, collectively, of more than 40 chilis and desserts submitted by community members. All proceeds, to include entry fees, will go to the United Way of Southwest Oklahoma – a local nonprofit that provides funding for 18 partner agencies throughout the Lawton community. In 2018, 87,761 Southwest Oklahomans were positively impacted through the United Way's funded partners and collaborative initiatives.

"The City of Lawton is proud to partner with the United Way of Southwest Oklahoma once again this year," said Tiffany Martinez Vrska, City of Lawton Community Relations Director and campaign coordinator. "So many incredible cooks and generous donors made the 2018 cookoff a huge success and we are hoping for another great turnout!"

Chili and dessert entries will be accepted through Oct. 30, 2019. Information, guidelines and submission forms may be found at lawtonok.gov or by calling 580.581.3301. There will be two winners in each category – a Judge's Choice and People's Choice – and prizes will be provided for all winners. Tickets to the event, ranging from \$5 to \$10, can be purchased at the Office of the United Way of Southwest Oklahoma, 1116 SW A Avenue, at the door or by calling 580.355.0218

To learn more about this event, please contact Vrska at 580.581.3301 or tvrska@lawtonok.gov. To learn more about the United Way of Southwest Oklahoma, please visit uwswok.org.

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